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Editorial Notes

To Dr. Summey, in the death of his little grandson, Albert Bledsoe, Jr.; his confreres in editorial work extend their loving sympathy.

The farmer who is stingy in his supplies of seed corn, can expect only a limited harvest. The church that is limited in the work of providing a supply of ministers, can expect, in the years to follow, only a fruitage of empty pulpits. Our Secretary of Education reports that in the last year there has been a marked increase in the number of candidates for the ministry, but that of these quite a number, instead of being in college, are at work earning money for their support while studying.

Now comes the April collection for Education for the Ministry. If our people shall respond with a liberal contribution, these young men may be enabled to enter at once on their course of study. We have now many vacant pulpits. Here is one way by which we may help to fill them in the early future.

Some of our Baptist friends are making very much of Dr. Henry Van Dyke's comments on Jordan, in his recent book, "Out of Doors in the Holy Land." They do not know that the brilliant author is a poet, and that the muse frequently gets the better of his theology and interpretation. Poetic license pardons a good many flights of the imagination.

A contemporary calls attention to the very singular fact that though Horatius Bonar composed some of the sweetest and best hymns of modern times, and some of the most widely used among all the churches, his own congregation in Edinburgh would not sing them but clung to the Scotch version of the Psalms, and that when he made a new paraphrase of the Psalms a large number of his congregation seceded and went into a church which was in the recent ecclesiastical troubles in Scotland, the only one in Edinburgh to join the "Wee Frees."

A Canadian National Missionary Congress will be held in Toronto March 31 to April 4. The programme is one of great strength and attraction. It includes the leaders of the Protestant Churches of the Dominion. Bishops of the English Church, college principals, statesmen and mission secretaries. With them will be J. Campbell White, Robert E. Speer, S. M. Zwemer, of Arabia, Sir Andrew Frazer, Chas. W. Gordon, and from our own church Mr. Chas. Rowland, of Athens, Georgia. It will be a great meeting. About the same dates there are meetings of the Brotherhood, and the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The thirtieth anniversary of "Christ's Mission," established in New York City by Rev. James O'Connor, a converted priest, and maintained by him as superintendent, was recently celebrated. This mission is doing a great work in the way of informing Protestants of the true character and dark ways of the Romish church, and in enlightening Romanists in the truths of evangelical religion. There are signs of a great movement among intelligent and conscientious Romanist teachers and priests, away from their former bondage into the liberty of the gospel.

At a meeting of the American Society for the Study of Narcotics, held in Washington, D. C., in session on March 17, it was declared that alcohol is of no use in the healing art. "Alcohol has no therapeutic uses," was the judgment expressed by those who spoke on the subject, and that it is gradually being eliminated as a drug. Papers were read by Dr. Henry O. Marcy, of Boston, honorary president of the society, entitled "A Medical Study of the Temperance Movement in the South"; Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, on "The Alcoholic Problem in Everyday Life"; Dr. T. A. Crothers, of Hartford, Conn., "The Future of the Alcoholic Problem," and Dr. W. B. Parks, of Atlanta, Ga., "The Effects of Alcohol on Temperament as it Relates to Race and Nationality."

The recent revival in Boston, under the leadership of Dr. Chapman, presents before us a strong lesson. Boston is under the shadow of Unitarianism, and many of its pastors opposed the plans of Dr. Chapman for revival services. The great truth of salvation by the blood of Jesus has been ignored or vehemently opposed in that city. But the services of Dr. Chapman have been crowned with a blessing. Night after night, the attendance at the several churches has been upwards of twenty thousand, and conversions are counted by the thousand. And this in Boston. It is pleasant to note that Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, of Norfolk, Va., rendered very useful and notable service in this great meeting.